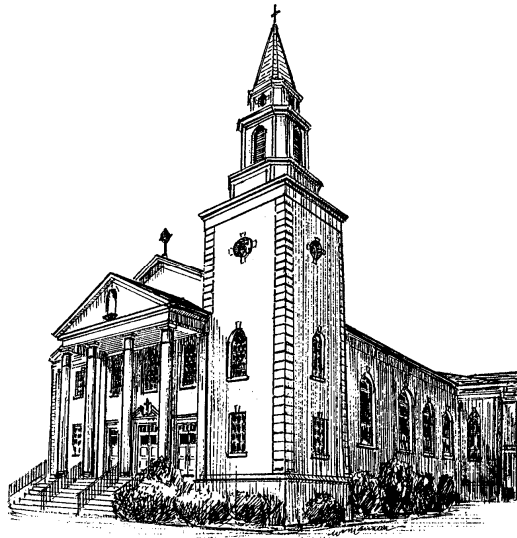


The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

November 22, 2015

***Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe***



Mission Statement

We the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, united in the Eucharist and under the guidance of St. Mary of the Assumption, strengthen our faith by praising God, proclaiming His word, sharing His love with all people and serving those in need.

**St. Mary:
Pray for Us**

Rev. Patrick W. Donohue, *Administrator*
Rev. Michael S. P. Trainor, *Parochial Vicar*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Joel Condon, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/RCLIA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. Rudy Asistin, *Business Administrator*
Mr. Ed Kostka, *Director Maintenance and Facilities*
Katie Sylvester, *Youth Ministry*
Ernesto Betancourt, *Parish Seminarian*
Coleen Rugani, *Receptionist*
Dory Weiss, *Parish Secretary*
Mrs. Malu Canlas, *Pastoral Council Chairperson*
Mrs. Janet Kaine, *Parish Trustee*
Mr. Michael Daly, *Parish Trustee*

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Religious Education Office: 201-384-3062
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Director of Music:
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Eucharistic Liturgy

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Holydays (except Saturday): 7:00 am, 8:45 am, & 7:30 pm
Weekdays: Monday - Friday 7:00 am & 8:45 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Holiday: 9:00 am on Major Civil Holidays

Religious Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturday following 8:30 am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm, in the lower church.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Private confessions at any time. Please call rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

Common policy of the Archdiocese of Newark asks that arrangements be made one year in advance. Engaged couples must call to make an appointment to speak to a priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should register for the Baptism Preparation Program at the rectory...even before the baby is born!

Catechumenate

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

God's Plan for Giving - Tithing

Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God. We ask half of this, or 5%, for your parish Church. The other 5% goes to your favorite charities.

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Saturday	Nov. 21 - Vigil
5:30PM	Morris Laskau
Sunday	Nov. 22 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
10:00AM	Amparo Gamaro
12 Noon	John and Dianne Rubio (Living)
Monday	Nov. 23 - Weekday Sts. Clement I and Columban Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro
7:00AM	Paul DiPaola
8:45AM	Joan Barry
Tuesday	Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac
7:00AM	Romeo Grifal
8:45AM	Carolina Aspiras
Wednesday	Nov. 25 - Weekday St. Catherine of Alexandria
7:00AM	Viviana D. Ruscitto
8:45AM	Michael and Ruth O'Neill
Thursday	Nov. 26 - Weekday
9:00AM	Edmond and Catherine Cremin
Friday	Nov. 27 - Weekday
7:00AM	Joan Barry
8:45AM	Carolina Aspiras
Saturday	Nov. 28 - Weekday
8:30AM	- Memorial Mass
Salvatore Ficarra	Ady McEntegart
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5:30PM	Lois Palmisano
Sunday	Nov. 29 - First Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	Daniel Markert
10:00AM	Parishioners of St. Mary's
12 Noon	Deceased Members of the Rosica Family

In Loving Memory



The Bread and Wine offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Rose Bertolini requested by her family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in praise of God and in memory of Cecilia Sinclair requested by Judy and Helen.

Eucharistic Adoration - Dec. 4th



On Friday, December 4th, we will have Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the Lower Church. Reposition begins at 7:00 p.m.



Sunday – Nov. 22

8:30AM PACT Saints Session LC/School
10:00AM Mass Youth Recognition Blessing Enrico (Youth) & Richard (Adult)
11:00AM PACT Confirmation Retreat Team School
11:00AM RCIA for Young Adults MSRm
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD Simbang Gabi Meeting FDVRm
6:30PM Youth Group JWalk Meeting YRm

Feast of Christ the King

Monday - Nov. 23

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
6:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal UC
7:30PM Filipino Choir Rehearsal UC

Tuesday – Nov. 24

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
3:30PM & 6:00PM First Penance Prep 4 UC/School
5:30PM Basketball SH
6:15PM First Schola Choral Rehearsal School
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal School

Wednesday - Nov. 25

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
7:00PM OLPH Novena LC
7:30PM Yoga (Anne Marie) PJ23Rm

Thursday – Nov. 26

After 9:00AM Mass Rosary LC

Thanksgiving Day

Friday – Nov. 27

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary LC
Decorate the Church after 8:45AM Mass

Saturday – Nov. 28

After 8:30AM Mass Rosary LC
Decorate the Church after 8:30AM Mass

Sunday – Nov. 29

9:00AM - 1:30PM Advent Wreath Making SFC
PALAD EB Meeting after 12:00PM Mass SFC
PALAD Simbang Gabi Meeting after 12:00PM Mass FDVR

First Sunday of Advent

Thanksgiving Holiday Mass

There will be only one Mass on Thursday morning, Nov. 26, at 9:00 AM. It's our parish Thanksgiving Mass. We will bless and distribute loaves of bread which our families can take home and share at their family meal that day.

Parish Office Schedule



In observance of Thanksgiving, we want parishioners to know that the parish office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27.



PD Reflections

One of my favorite musicals is The King and I. In the late 79's we had a substantial snowfall that lasted several days. I can't recall the exact depth of the snow but I recall hundreds of cars stranded on highways. I was stationed in Newark and as my day off arrived the sun came out and slowly things were returning to normal. So I decided to head to New York City and watch a show knowing that tickets would be readily available. I chose The King and I and the show did go on despite the large number of empty seats.

My second experience of the show was on Jekyll Island in Georgia and the weather was quite different as it gets hot there in the summer. This time I went to see two of my nephews in the show. One played the king's son, the other one of the children. At one point the son asks Anna, the teacher, if his father was a good King. She replied that no human King was perfect but his father tried to be.

This weekend is the Feast of Christ the King. I recall when I was in the seminary that this was a big feast of the church's year and wondering why I didn't remember hearing that before. Jesus did not want to be a king and when people wanted to make him one, he left that area. However, we do honor the one perfect king today. Any king reigns and I believe it is helpful to focus on the reign of God on this occasion. The reign of God was central to the words and works of Jesus. By his life he announced that the reign of God is at hand. Signs of that reign are peace, joy, forgiveness, healing, love and kindness. We look around at our world and quickly realize that this reign has not been fully realized. As Jesus taught us to pray, "*Thy kingdom come.*" We yearn for the fulfillment of God's promises and celebrate Christ our King by striving to be people of his reign.

Fr. Pat

Offerings Still Available

2016 Bread & Wine:

May 22; Jun 12, & 19; July 3 & 10; Aug. 7, 21, & 28
Sept. 4, 18, & 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23; Nov. 20;
Dec. 18.

2016 Sanctuary Lamp:

May 15 & 22; July 17 & 31; Aug. 7, 21, & 28; Sept. 18,
Sept. 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23; Nov. 27; Dec. 11.

God's Plan for Giving:

“The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you.”

(Deuteronomy 16:10)

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| Collection Nov. 14 - 15 | \$ 9,191.25 |
| Same Weekend 2014       | \$10,007.00 |

*Treasure from our children: \$14.00*

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Here are some of the good deeds that the children of St. Mary's did as a way of showing their love of God and of our parish. We hope that they will always know how important what they do for God and for us truly is. Even though they are still young, they can give us a wonderful example to follow.

“I said my prayers.” “I helped someone.”

“Helping someone with a cast.”

“I talked with parents about lesson.”

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## **Stewardship Prayer**

*Dear Lord,*

O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become your holy people. Amen.

## *The Advent Giving Tree*

Advent is a time to rejoice in the birth of Jesus; the season of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. As part of the Advent spiritual journey we invite you to participate in the Giving Tree. This year, with your support and generosity, we will provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City.

**Gift tags become available the weekend of November 28 & 29.** If there are any questions regarding the Giving Tree please call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786.

**Deadline** to return the gift is Thursday, Dec. 10th.

We're looking for 35 families to donate \$100 each! We need to replace the stage curtain in the gym. (It was taken down because it no longer passed fire regulations). If you would like to donate to help replace the curtain, please place a check in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. If we act quickly we can have this done in time for our annual parish nativity at Simbang Gabi.



### ***PACT/Religious Education Program***



### **Congratulations – Mr. Ken Florio!**

Last week at our Archdiocesan Catechetical Convention, Ken was honored for 43 years of service to St. Mary's as a catechist! We appreciate all of our catechists, and take this opportunity to recognize Ken's remarkable service. Congratulations and many more, Ken!

Once again, our PACT/Religious Education Program is collecting gifts for OASIS Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. Won't you join us in our efforts to helping to provide for some of their needs?



Please bring donations by December 1<sup>st</sup>. We are delivering to Paterson that week so *please be generous, and please be early!* There is no need to wrap gifts, simply clip out the image of St. Nick and attach to the tag or the box.

Thank you and may we be guided by the example of Good St. Nick. For more information about him visit: [www.stnicholascenter.org](http://www.stnicholascenter.org)

*First Penance/Reconciliation/Confession will be celebrated here at St. Mary's on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for our candidates, families, and our parish family that we may always seek reconciliation with our forgiving Lord.*



### **Knights of Columbus**

**Next Regular Meeting** – Monday, December 7 at 8PM.

**Blood Drive** – Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9AM to 2PM at the Council.

**Council Closed** – Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Calling All Parents/Youth of St. Mary's Church !!!***

We are now putting together the cast for the Nativity for our annual *Simbang Gabi* (Advent Night Mass) celebration. Sign your children/yourself up for any of the following roles/positions:

- \*Angels (girls) and shepherds (boys), ages 3-12
- \*3 Kings (3 boys) and Innkeepers (3 girls), ages 12-15
- \*Nativity children's choir
- \*Stagehands

**Watch them with pride as they participate in the "greatest story ever told"!**

Simbang Gabi 2015 celebration will be held on Friday, Dec 18, at 7pm at St. Mary's, Dumont.

Rehearsals at Szelest Hall (gym) are on:

- Dec 6, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass
- Dec 13, Sunday, after 12 pm Mass
- Dec 16, Wednesday, 6:00 pm -7:30pm.

***Please leave your contact information by Nov 28*** with Marichi 201-385-8529, or Tatess 201- 486-5852, or parish office 201-384-0557.

### **St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Christmas Party**

St. Mary's Altar and Rosary is having their Annual Christmas Party at Madeleine's Petit Paris on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd at 7:00PM. All women of the parish are welcome! The cost is \$45.00 per person. Reservation deadline is Monday, Nov. 23rd. Please check the flyers at the doors of the church for more information.

### **Knights of Columbus Cont'd**

**Corporate Communion** at St. Mary's Church - Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Please assemble about 15 minutes before Mass in the vestibule. Continental breakfast will follow at the Council. RSVP to Ken at 516-220-9333 or email [kof1345reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kof1345reservations@gmail.com)

**Pancake Breakfast & Gold Buying Event** – To benefit the Council's Scholarship program. Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 1PM.

The Council is open on Friday evenings from 8-11PM. Why not stop in and learn more about us!







## Advent 2015

**Let Mercy Flow.... Cry "Jubilee!"**

As part of our Advent spiritual journey we invite you to participate in the parish Giving Tree. This year, with your support and generosity, we will provide gifts to families through the Dumont Department of Human Services and The Nurturing Place (formerly The York Street Project) in Jersey City. Questions? Call Josie Parrella at 201-387-0786. Return gifts by 12/10.



### Saturday, December 12

#### Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us for a special 5:30 liturgy in Spanish and English to celebrate this feast of the Patroness of the Americas Social to follow in the Spiritual Formation Center.



Once again our PACT/Religious Education families will be providing some necessities and gift items for the families of Oasis Shelter for Women and Children in Paterson. Check your e-mail for details. Items need to be returned to the Religious Education Office by Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Feast of St. Nicholas

#### Sunday, December 6

A fourth century bishop from Turkey, Nicholas is the inspiration for Santa Claus. Known for his acts of charity, he often left gifts of food or money in the dark of night. Celebrate this day in your family by having your children leave a shoe outside the door, to be filled with treats in memory of St. Nicholas and consider how your family can give to children in need. *Our Parish Giving Tree and PACT St. Nicholas Project are two good ways to begin!*

### Advent Wreath Making

#### Sunday, November 29

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Formation Center in the school basement. For information call Felicia at 201-385-2285 or e-mail her at [feliciaarriagoitia@yahoo.com](mailto:feliciaarriagoitia@yahoo.com)



### First Penance Saturday, December 5

11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Please keep our young candidates and their families in your prayers as they prepare to meet with our forgiving Lord in his Sacrament of Reconciliation.



### Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses at

7 a.m., 8:45 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.

### Monday, December 14

#### Advent Communal Penance Service

Join with St. John's and Ascension parishes at 7:30 p.m. at Ascension in New Milford. This service will be a communal service with opportunity for individual confessions with priests from all three parishes.



### Friday, December 18 Simbang Gabi

Mass at 7:30 p.m. in the church followed by social in Szelest Hall.

### CHURCH DECORATING

#### Monday, December 21

Tuesday, December 22 and if needed Wednesday, December 23

Decorate the Church for Christmas beginning at 6:30 p.m. On Monday we will do the "heavy stuff," trees wreaths, stables. On Tuesday finishing touches. Many hands make light work!!!



### Christmas Eve, December 24

**4:00 p.m. Mass – Children's Choir/Handbells**

**6:30 p.m. Mass – Contemporary Festival Choir**

**11:30 p.m. – Carol Service**

**12:00 Midnight – Midnight Mass**

### Christmas Day, December 25

**Masses at 8, 10 and 12**

*Blessing of Outside Christmas Creche following the 10 a.m. Mass.*